

Part 61
Mark 16:[9-20]

Can We Really Trust The Bible?

LEAVING
A MARK

STORIES OF THE UNSTOPPABLE JESUS



JESUS

TRUSTING AND TREASURING HIM SUPREME...TOGETHER

Why is there a question about whether or not Mark 16:9-20 should be in the Bible?

All of our bible translations today stem from either:

Byzantine text (KJV/NKJV) or

Alexandrian text (most modern translations)

Which one is right?

That is a matter of opinion.

The differences do not change the crucial themes or the Bible's doctrines.

They are preserved intact through the work of the Holy Spirit, who safeguards the Word of God for all generations.

So, YES! We can trust that the Bible is God's revelation of Himself to us! Consider these things:

1. The Preservation of Scripture: How God has preserved His Word for us. *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Mark 13:31*

- Consider that 25,000 Greek manuscripts have been found**
- Consider the Dead Sea Scrolls**
- Compare with other ancient literature**
- Consider the writings of early church leaders**

2. The Inerrancy of Scripture: Scripture in the original manuscripts does not affirm anything that is contrary to fact.

Ps. 18:30

3. The Inspiration of Scripture: How the Bible was transmitted from God to man.

2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20,21

4. The Authority of Scripture: Scripture is our guide about how we should live in relationship with God and each other. Ps. 119:4

5. The Impact of Scripture:

- It is by God's Word that we are reconciled to God. Romans 10:17
- It is by God's Word that we are sanctified by God. John 17:17
- “We must allow the Word of God to confront us, to disturb our security, to undermine our complacency and to overthrow our patterns of thought and behavior.” —John Stott